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SUBJ: QADHAFI'S 1ST OF SEPTEMBER SPEECH: DOMESTIC
POLICY "SECOND STAGE"

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1. ASPECT OF COL. QADHAFI'S 1ST OF SEPTEMBER SPEECH
DEVOTED TO DOMESTIC POLICY INDICATE RCC CHAIRMAN WILL
IMPLEMENT MINOR REFORMS IN LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. QADHAFI
STATED PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS WILL HOLD ELECTION
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TO CHOOSE INDIVIDUAL TO REPLACE "THE PRESIDENT, LEADER,

KING AND EMPERIOR." ACCORDING TO QADHAFI, THE ELECTED OFFICIAL WILL HAVE "SAME POSITION AS PRIME MINISTER IN OTHER POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND WILL SUPERVISE CITIZENS CHOSEN BY PEOPLE TO RUN STATE INSTITUTIONS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY RUN BY TRADITIONAL MINISTRIES."

2. QADHAFI ALSO INDICATED THAT JANUARY PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS WILL "DEFINE LAWS OF LIBYAN ARAB SOCIETY." QADHAFI STATED LIBYANS MUST HAVE CONSISTANT LAWS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CITIZENS AND NOT MADE BY ONE INDIVIDUAL. HE STATED THESE LAWS WILL COME FROM KORAN AS SOURCE OF ALL LEGISLATION.

3. QADHAFI PREFACED INTENDED GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES WITH STATEMENT RATIONALIZING HIS DECISION. HE WARNED THAT REVOLUTIONS REMAINING IN HANDS OF MILITARY "SOON BECOME SUPPRESSIVE AUTHORITIES WHO DENY PARTICIPATION OF MASSES." TO AVOID THIS DANGEROUS, FATAL PITFALL IN LIBYA, QADHAFI STATED, LAR REVOLUTION WILL ENTER NEW STAGE IN WHICH MASSES SEIZE AUTHORITY. QADHAFI DESCRIBED NEW STAGE AS HISTORICAL TURNING POINT IN REVOLUTION STAGED BY MILITARY IN 1969. QADHAFI STATED LIBYANS NOW PREPARED FOR THIS RESPONSIBILITY, NO LONGER FEAR AUTHORITY, AND THE "MAN IN THE STREET WAS ABLE TO BRING ABOUT DOWNFALL OF LARG OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY RCC DECREES. QADHAFI CLAIMS TO HAVE HEEDED INFLUENCE OF MASSES IN HIS "NON" DECISION IN RELATION WITH EGYPT (REFTEL).

COMMENT: WHILE CURSORY READING OF INTENDED LARG REFORMS WOULD SUGGEST MAJOR CHANGE IN LARG STRUCTURE, CLOSER ANALYSIS WOULD SUGGEST INDICATE PROPOSED ELECTION OF "PRIME MINISTER" BY PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WILL NOT CHANGE PRESENT POWER STRUCTURE OF LARG. ELECTED "SECRETARY OF CONGRESS" WILL PROBABLY MERELY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF OVERSEEING THOSE "STATE INSTITUTIONS" IN LAR MINISTRY BUREAUCRACY THAT PRESENTLY SUFFER FROM GROWING NEPOTISM AND CORRUPTION OF ASU POLITICIANS.

QADHAFI'S INTENTION TO REPLACE SECULAR
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JUDICATURE WITH ESTABLISHED KORANIC LAW HAS LONG BEEN GOAL OF LARG AND APPRENTLY WILL FINALLY BE IMPLEMENTED IN JANUARY CONGRESS SESSION.
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